

Application Serial No. 10/676,511
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 2-13, 15, 19, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 14 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The applicant respectfully thanks the examiner's acknowledgement that only claim 22 has been restricted out presently, and the rest of the pending claims have been examined in the current office action. The restricted claim 22 has been cancelled in this paper.

All objections/rejections made to claims 2-3, 6-13, and 17 are rendered moot since these claims have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been amended as suggested in the office action page 2.

The cancellation of the entire group of claims 2-13 in this amendment is not made as an attempt to get around the grounds of rejection of these claims in the office action in view of the cited references. These claims are now cancelled simply because the applicant desires to obtain a patent on claims 14 and 16-21 (now pending as a result of the present amendment) in view of the examiner's indication that claim 19 is allowable if it is rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the independent claim 14 has been amended to include all limitations of claims 15 and 19, and claims 15 and 19 are now cancelled in this paper. The applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a continuation or a divisional application with respect to those claims that are cancelled in this amendment.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicant respectfully submits that claims 14

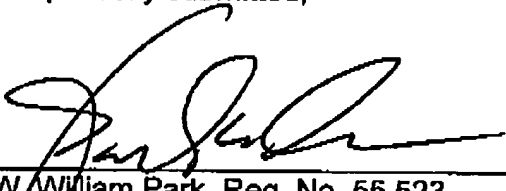
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and 16-21, now pending in this application, either has been allowed or are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance in the next action. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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